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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Markus Doetsch, Peter Jung, Jörg Plechinger, and Peter Schmidt, joint inventors of the invention described and claimed in the instant application hereby declare that:

The invention of the above-identified application was "reduced to practice" prior to September 30, 1998.

We personally wrote and then submitted an Invention Disclosure (Erfindungsmeldung) to our supervisor, Dr. Sönke Mehrgardt at the Siemens department HL SP on May 11, 1998. Dr. Mehrgardt confirmed the receipt of the Invention Disclosure on May 20, 1998. The Invention Disclosure was a complete description of the invention as it was filed at the German Patent Office on October 22, 1998.

Enclosed, as corroborating evidence is the Invention Disclosure (Erfindungsmeldung) signed by us and our supervisor.

The undersigned declare that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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